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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2013 3:00 P.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Renee Galliher (Chair), Dale Barnard, Alan Blackstock, David Cassidy, Richard Clement, Todd Crawl, Jennifer Duncan, Curtis Dyreson, Nancy Hills, Doug Jackson-Smith, Yanghee Kim, Vincent Wickwar, President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Glenn McEvoy (Past President) (excused, Craig Petersen sub), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Larry Smith, Carol Kochan, Mark McLellan, Bryce Fifield, Terry Peak

Renee Galliher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vincent Wickwar made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013. The motion was seconded by Curtis Dyreson and passed unanimously.

Announcements

Brown Bag Lunch with the President & Provost. March 28, 12:00 noon in Champ Hall.

University Business – President Albrecht and Provost Coward.

President Albrecht gave a brief update of the current legislative process. He feels encouraged about the prospect of receiving some funds for the Graduate School. There has been a delay in releasing the new state revenue numbers which will have an impact on the dollars available for the legislative session. The Legacy bill has received no push back and received a unanimous vote in the state Senate; it will be discussed in the house tomorrow. The Campus Safety Amendment Bill passed, which gives universities the authority to dismiss individuals who trespass on higher education institution property who disturb the peace, and open carry can be defined as disruption of the peace. There is concern about Senate Bill 169 which forms a state task force of 14 legislators to review and make recommendations on long term policies regarding public and higher education. U of U Medical School Admissions funding is going forward.

Interviews are in process for the Religious Studies Chair finalists and we are close to beginning interviews for the STEM candidates. It is anticipated that the waivers being approved by the legislature will bring another 250 students to campus. There has been an increase in out of state applications from several surrounding states. USU will celebrate its 125th Founders Day in March.

Information Items

Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee Report – Carol Kochan. There was some confusion with the BFW committee on their reporting periods. FSEC asked for consistency on how reports are given. BFW will add the number of EPC items reviewed to their report, make other revisions for consistency and submit it to Joan before the Faculty Senate meeting.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Jennifer Duncan and seconded by Vince Wickwar. The motion passed unanimously.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee Report – Bryce Fifield. The AFT report was based on the period from May 2012 through today. The committee did not meet during the summer break, but has met 5 times since September. Currently, there is one grievance in process. They are also exploring the development of directions for chairs to help establish consistency. Two of their meetings have involved reviewing code recommendations. The minutes of their meetings are posted on the Faculty Senate website.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Craig Petersen and seconded by Curtis Dyreson. The motion passed unanimously.

Research Council Report – Mark McLellan. Mark clarified that their reporting period was from July 2011 through July 2012. During this period, the comprehensive review of the graduate program was ending. There

have been many changes and updates since this reporting period ended, which the Research Council will report on next year to the FSEC.

A motion to place the report on the agenda as a consent item was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

LibQual Survey – Jennifer Duncan. The library will be conducting the nationally normed LibQual Survey in April that is critical for the upcoming library accreditation. Jennifer asked permission to present this to the Faculty Senate as an information item at the next meeting, and provide senators with an information packet in the agenda as a way to make faculty aware of the survey. There was discussion among the senators about the benefits of limiting the survey sample from the entire faculty to a random sample across campus to increase response rates. Jennifer will take that input back to the appropriate contacts in the library.

A motion to place the item on the agenda as an information item was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Curtis Dyreson. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EPC Items - Larry Smith. Larry emphasized a few proposals and actions from his report. Dietetics and Food Sciences asked to reduce the number of credits in their PhD program. Psychology proposed a change in the Masters in School Counseling from MS to MEd. A new Grad Certificate from the Center for Women and Gender was approved. Larry will revise his report to reflect that these credits are being offered by the College of Humanities and Social Science and they will share the advising and sign off responsibilities. Finally, the Gen Ed Subcommittee created a new subcommittee called USU 1010 Connections/Gen Ed Subcommittee. Student Services had previously had over site for the Connections courses, but since the students receive credit for the course, it was decided it needed to have Gen Ed subcommittee input as well.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the consent agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Curtis Dyreson. The motion passed unanimously.

PRPC 402.12.6 & .7 Elimination of the Graduate Student Senate – Terry Peak. The wording of this section was changed in four places to reflect the change in the elimination of the Graduate Student Senate. Language was left that described a Graduate Student Leader as a generic term to accommodate any future student government changes. It was suggested that the word “leader” be changed to “representative”. Terry will make this change.

Yanghee Kim made a motion to place this on the agenda as New Business for a first reading. Jennifer Duncan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Post Tenure Review Taskforce Outcomes – Renee Galliher and 406 Taskforce Outcomes – Vince Wickwar There was a lengthy discussion of the outcomes of the Taskforces work and code change recommendations and how to proceed with them. There is concern about timing with the end of the academic year approaching. It seemed to be the consensus of the committee that AFT needed to be able to make a formal response to both of the issues and that they be sent to PRPC for their review with the intent of providing specific feedback to FSEC. It turned out the BFW did have a formal response and that we were given the wrong report. Carol Kochan immediately emailed the formal response, and Joan Kleinke was asked to forward it to FSEC members.

A motion was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Jennifer Duncan that the Post Tenure Review Taskforce and the 406 Taskforce should meet again to review the input of AFT and BFW and make a submission to PRPC. PRPC should provide their input and the reports be presented to FSEC again in March for further action and if possible be placed on the Faculty Senate agenda for discussion in April. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Renee Galliher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776